

Roxbury, June 5, 1874.

My dear Wendell:

I shall have to disappoint you again in regard to the time of my visiting Orange. On Tuesday next, George William Curtis is to deliver the final eulogy upon Mr. Sumner, so far as this Commonwealth is concerned, and in its behalf and by its appointment; and it will be both a spectacle and an occasion that, for various reasons, I do not wish to miss. Its occurrence will, by the delay growing out of it, make no essential difference in our programme; for I propose to leave Boston on Wednesday in the 10 o'clock train, (A. M.) so as to arrive in Orange that evening. I shall come by the way of Springfield and New Haven. As you remain at home on Thursday, it will be all the same in the matter of seeing you as



though it were Sunday. I may not stay longer at the Park than Thursday and Friday. Saturday I may give to New York, and perhaps spend Sunday at Paterson. Mr. Benson (hearing that I was coming on this week) has written to your mother, saying he wishes I would first come directly to P., and spend several days with him; then he would drive me, with his wife, over to the Park, and so make you all a visit which he has for some time contemplated. But this I cannot do, and it will be difficult for me to spend even a night under his roof, sorely disappointed as he will be. For on the 15th inst., Frank takes his vacation for the season, not exceeding a fortnight, and I have planned to go with him to Northampton, Florence, Haydenville, &c., to the "Oread Institute" at Amherst; then to Albany and Saratoga, and perhaps re-



turn home by a trip down the Hudson, stopping a night at the Catskill House. I regret to be thus crowded as to time in my visit to New York and Orange, but must try to make a longer stay with you next fall - D. V.

To-day the weather is not only comfortably warm, but, after so much wet and chilly weather, rather oppressive. I think an unusually hot summer may be confidently anticipated.

As your last word respecting the condition of Mr. McKim was a cheering one, we are hoping to hear that he continues steadily to improve. I ~~trust~~<sup>trust</sup> my delay in coming will not be in the least unseasonable.

Every fair day your mother gets a ride in our newly purchased carriage, and enjoys it highly.

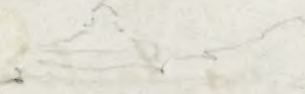
Loving regards to you all.

Your fond Father.



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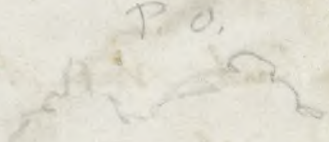
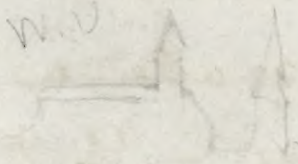
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